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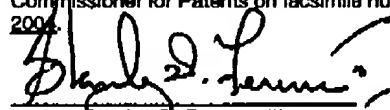
In re Application of : Thomas Boehme  
Serial No. : 09/749,375 Examiner : Harper, V. Paul  
Filed : December 21, 2000 Art Unit : 2654  
For : CODING AND STORAGE OF PHONETICAL  
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**AMENDMENT**

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being transmitted by facsimile to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents on facsimile number (703) 872-9315 on April 26, 2004.



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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.